
IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 14, 1867.

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AMENDMENT

Intended to be proposed by Mr. WILLIAMS, to the bill (H. R. 1143) to provide for the more efficient government of the insurrectionary States, namely: Insert the following as an additional section:

1 SEC. —. *And be it further enacted*, That when the
2 constitutional amendment proposed as article fourteen by the
3 thirty-ninth Congress shall have become a part of the Con-
4 stitution of the United States, and when any one of the late
5 so-called Confederate States shall have given its assent to the
6 same, and conformed its constitution and laws thereto in all re-
7 spects, and when it shall have provided by its constitution that the
8 elective franchise shall be enjoyed by all male citizens of the
9 United States, twenty-one years old and upward, without
10 regard to race, color, or previous condition of servitude, ex-
11 cept such as may be disfranchised for participating in the
12 late rebellion, or for felony at common law, and when said
13 constitution shall have been submitted to the voters of said

14 State, as thus defined, for ratification or rejection, and when
15 the constitution, if ratified by the vote of the people of said
16 State, shall have been submitted to Congress for examination
17 and approval, said State shall, if its constitution be approved
18 by Congress, be declared entitled to representation in Con-
19 gress, and senators and representatives shall be admitted
20 therefrom on their taking the oath prescribed by law, and
21 then and thereafter the preceding sections of this bill shall
22 be inoperative in said State.